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Ominous Picture In Java Sharp British Warning To Extremists Native Uprising? Neutrals Leaving

BATAVIA, NOV. 6. SPORADIC FIGHTING FLARED ANEW IN THE NORTH-EASTERN SECTION OF BATAVIA DURING THE NIGHT AS NEWLY ARRIVED BRITISH REINFORCEMENTS MAINTAINED A FIRM HOLD ON THE SITUATION AT THE IMPORTANT SOERABAJA NAVAL BASE.

A BRITISH COMMUNIQUE SAID THAT INDONESIAN EXTREMISTS AND DUTCH TROOPS WERE INVOLVED IN FIGHTING HERE WHICH BROKE OUT WHEN TWO GRENADES WERE HURLED INTO THE DUTCH GUARDED AREA OF HOTEL DES INDIES.

Unofficial reports said that the Dutch had fired by mistake on a detachment of the Senforth Highlanders which was sent to the spot to investigate the wounded of a Highland Major. The incident was not mentioned in the British communiqué.

Sound of desultory firing was audible in the northern part of the city this morning.

The communiqué described the situation elsewhere in Java as quiet during the past twenty-four hours but acknowledged that it was "tense."

Indonesian and Dutch officials are understood to be considering a plan to gain firm control of a small part of Western Java and establish that area as rallying ground from which they could extend their efforts to end the native uprisings in the East Indies.

OMINOUS PICTURE There is a Dutch plan to bring in many more troops, although there has been no official announcement on the subject, with unofficial estimates running as high as 20,000 men before Christmas.

Java is quiet following the flare-up of sporadic fighting in northern Batavia during the night, but the picture is blacker and more ominous with tens of thousands of trigger-happy Indonesians heavily armed and determined to revolt.

The British are in a dilemma apparently undecided whether to fight through and return the island to the Dutch or merely continue to disarm the Japanese, rescue the internees and defend themselves.

The Dutch at present refuse to accept American mediation claiming that the Russians, French and Chinese also may wish to have their thumbs in it.

REBELLION FEAR: SHARP WARNING London, Nov. 6. Following renewed outbreaks of firing in Batavia during Sunday night, Reporter John Sless of the London Labour Party paper, the "Daily Herald", cabled from Batavia, says he understands that "British Headquarters have completed plans for the defence against a possible Indonesian uprising."

"Neutrals are likely to be warned to leave the city. Neutrals have already been offered facilities to leave Sourabaya and Semarang as the sequel to the wounding of the Swiss Consul in Sourabaya."

A sharp British warning to Indonesian extremists, repeating General Christensen's threat that "all weapons of modern war" would be used if trouble in Java continued, followed a night of gun battles in the streets of Batavia.

Although the situation through Java has been quiet during the past 24 hours, British patrols were called out several times yesterday to investigate shooting incidents in the city.

WANT 250,000! Batavia, Nov. 6. According to an Indonesian spokesman, quoted by the Netherlands News Agency, today the Indonesian army of 40,000 to 70,000 men is now in being.

The commander of the army, who is not in uniform in "General" Soekarno, who has a former officer of the Netherlands East Indies Army named Oetop as his Chief of Staff.

Xmas Boxes For Britain

Sydney, Nov. 6. The steamer "Andes" left Sydney to-day carrying 20,000 food parcels for Britain as Christmas gifts from Australia.

There are many more thousands of parcels yet to come.

Kremlin Is Still Coy

WASHINGTON, NOV. 6. UP TO LATE TONIGHT, LESS THAN 24 HOURS BEFORE THE DELAYED MEETING OF THE FAR EASTERN ADVISORY COMMISSION, MOSCOW HAD GIVEN NO INDICATION OF HER INTENTIONS.

The commission meets again tomorrow afternoon after a week's recess, during which the British, American and Chinese delegates were to court the Soviet Union's participation.

A Soviet union official said tonight "No information has been received as to whether Russia will be represented."

State Department sources consider it certain that the representatives of the other ten nations will not delay their discussions.

Jerusalem, Nov. 6. A precautionary dawn to dusk curfew was in force at Palestine trouble spots after a quiet weekend in which there was no recurrence of last week's Arab-Jewish disturbances.

Cairo was also reported to be calm with only one small anti-Zionist demonstration yesterday which the police quickly broke up.

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Only one new incident reported yesterday to have occurred when six persons were detected

of tampering with the Royal Navy Dept. fence near Haifa who fled after an interchange of shots with the guards without casualties.

A 12-hour curfew clamped on all movement in the vital port area of Haifa, which is the terminus of the Iraq pipeline and site of the oil refineries and important power plant, was followed yesterday by a new British Military order tightening up the curfew on road traffic throughout Palestine. This is the latest move to curb sabotage attempts.

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And Now It Will Happen

MANILA, NOV. 6. JOAQUIN GALANG, THE SECOND WITNESS BROUGHT FROM PROTECTIVE CUSTODY WHERE HE IS HELD AS A SUSPECTED COLLABORATIONIST, TESTIFIED AT GENERAL YAMASHITA'S WAR CRIMINAL TRIAL YESTERDAY.

He heard the Japanese commander angrily refuse to revoke an order "to kill all Filipinos and destroy all their cities." He was the second witness to give such testimony.

Galang said Yamashita showed great anger when Gen. Artemio Ricarte, Filipino politico-militarist, beseeched him to revoke the order.

Yamashita rose, Galang testified, clenched his fists and shouted: "An order is an order; it is my order and because of that it should not be disobeyed. It should be followed—happen what may happen!"

The witness said he overheard the argument at Ricarte's house when Yamashita called there.

Manila, Nov. 6. When the war criminals trial of the Japanese General Yamashita was resumed here to-day, a 7-year-old Filipino girl described how her mother and father were killed by the Japanese.

REDS LAUNCH AN OFFENSIVE

CHUNGKING, NOV. 6. OFFICIAL REPORTS REACHING CHUNGKING SAID THAT 10,000 CHINESE COMMUNISTS WERE ATTACKING THE NATIONALISTS IN THE SUBURBS OF KWEISUL, CAPITAL OF SUYUAN PROVINCE IN INNER MONGOLIA.

OTHER COMMUNIST COLOUMNS, WERE RUSHING TOWARD THE KWEISUL BATTLE AREA INDICATING THAT CHIANG'S TROOPS DEFENDING THE CITY MIGHT BE MORE GREATLY OUTNUMBERED THAN ALREADY REPORTED.

Democracy Working In Hungary

BUDAPEST, NOV. 6. THE MODERATELY CONSERVATIVE SMALL HOLDERS PARTY APPEARED TO HAVE WON A SWEEPING VICTORY OVER HUNGARY'S LEFT-WING SOCIAL DEMOCRATS AND COMMUNISTS IN THE FIRST GENERAL ELECTIONS HELD IN RUSSIAN OCCUPIED EASTERN EUROPE SINCE THE END OF THE WAR.

Early returns indicated that the party made up of small shopkeepers, small land-owners and professional men would get about 60 per cent of the total vote.

The labour and social democrats running second will probably get 20 per cent of the vote while the Communists' expected poll is between 12 to 15 per cent.

Rightist Christian democrats and other groups drew a negligible vote.

The small holders' victory will undoubtedly result in the formation of a new government.

There is every evidence that the elections were conducted in complete freedom with only a few instances of violence.

It appears, therefore, that Hungary has removed one of the obstacles in the way of full recognition by the United States and Britain.

He Went One Better LONDON, NOV. 6. WHEN A 13-YEAR OLD SCHOOL-BOY GAVE EVIDENCE AT THE STRATFORD JUVENILE COURT TO-DAY, IN ANSWER TO A CHARGE OF UNLAWFUL WOUNDING OF HIS FORMER MASTER BY SHOOTING HIM WITH A PISTOL, HE TOLD HOW OTHER BOYS HAD TAKEN WOODEN PISTOLS TO SCHOOL.

He said that he thought he would go one better and take the pistol which belonged to his father, who was a Home Guard officer.

Saying that he had been rebuked over his home-work and cuffed by the master, the boy added: "I felt the pistol against my leg, and it suddenly came into my mind that I could scare the master while I was fumbling, the pistol went off."

The boy was fined 40 shillings for having the revolver in his possession, and the Bench decided that he must go to a reformatory for a month on the unlawful wounding charge.

Notice of appeal was given and the boy was released on bail of £25.

FADEN SAYS I TOLD YOU SO Sydney, Nov. 6. Commenting on reports of the disturbances by armed Indonesians on the troopship "Esperance Bay", Mr. Arthur Fadden, leader of the Australian Country Party to-day recalled his warning of Oct. 18.

On that occasion he pointed out that when 200 Indonesians boarded the ship at Brisbane their luggage was not searched for arms, although shipping officials had said that revolvers and knives had been seen on the voyage.

"The Minister of Information, Mr. A. A. Calwell, then denied, and attempted to ridicule my statement, saying the Indonesians could not have ammunition in their baggage because their departure from Sydney was carefully supervised by Security Officers," Mr. Fadden said.

"When some of our Australian soldiers and sailors are fully murdered, as was Brigadier Mellish at Sourabaya, Calwell and other authorities will awaken to the sense of their responsibility."

Mr. Fadden invited Mr. J. H. Chifley, Australian Prime Minister, to order an immediate investigation.

Gen. Yu Fei Ping, Minister of Communications, charged the Communists have destroyed more than 880 miles of railways north of the Yangtze.

The Communist "New China Daily" reached new heights in violence to-day as it charged Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer's promise that Americans would avoid participation in China's internal strife was "nothing but a lie."

The charge against the American commander in China was carried in a dispatch from Communist headquarters at Yenan.

It said the Americans not only armed and equipped Central Government troops "but have invaded our liberated areas in North China, opened fire upon us, arrested some of our army personnel and disarmed some of our troops."

ACTUALLY FOUGHT! The Communists charge the United States with participating in the civil war and say that a contingent of American marines and troops belonging to the Kuomintang 94th Army attacked and occupied a point near Shanhai-kwan on Oct. 30, with the Americans disarming 18 Communist guerrillas.

Kuomintang troops were transported in American vehicles to launch the attack on Shanhai-kwan, the Communist dispatch continued, and "on Oct. 31 American and Chinese forces from Chingwangtiao attacked Peltaiho and machine-gunned us."

"Our casualties were heavy and we were forced to withdraw from Peltaiho," Associated Press.

YENAN CHARGE Chungking, Nov. 6. The Communist Party Headquarters yesterday accused the United States troops, artillery and air forces of assisting Chungking Government forces who were storming the Communist hold areas of North Eastern China.

FOOD SHORTAGE IN RE-OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA, ESPECIALLY MALAYA, IS SO ACUTE THAT MEASURES ARE ALREADY BEING TAKEN TO PROVIDE RELIEF BY IMPORTING INTO THESE AREAS RICE FROM SIAM, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO REACH THE TARGET OF 150,000 TONS BY THE END OF THIS YEAR, IT IS LEARNED HERE TO-DAY.

In spite of shipping difficulties, traffic has been started between Malaya and Siam with junks, each of which is carrying armed men to guard against danger from pirates.

Nearly 30 ships now in Bangkok are expected to bring 1,000 tons of rice each on their return trip to Singapore.

Attempts are being made to provide British coasters for this rice traffic but it is unlikely that enough of these can be available to help solve this problem. The provision of captured Japanese vessels is also being investigated.

The food shortage in Singapore has led to abnormally high prices and Allied servicemen have been forbidden to buy cooked meals in local restaurants.

WHETHER FRANCE LIKES IT OR NOT BERLIN, NOV. 6. THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN AND THE SOVIET UNION WILL PROCEED WITH PLANS FOR A CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION FOR GERMANY WITHOUT FRANCE PARTICIPATING IN HER OPPOSITION TO CENTRAL RULE, AN OFFICIAL INFORMANT SAID TO-DAY.

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AUSSIE MINISTER TO CHINA Canberra, Nov. 6. It was officially announced to-day that Professor Copland had been appointed Australian Minister to China.

Professor Copland is Dean of the Faculty of Commerce at the Melbourne University.

The former Minister to China, Sir Frederick Gordon, was transferred to the Legation in Washington some months ago.

Bride Shot At Wedding

London, Nov. 6. A bride and her Commando husband posed on the church steps for a photograph after their wedding yesterday when two air gun slugs hit the girl, wounding her in the face and chest. A third slug struck her knee.

There was a big crowd outside. The shots were heard and the person who fired them got away. The wedding took place at a Catholic church.

Girl Told Them Where To Get Off

LONDON, NOV. 6. THOUSANDS OF LONDONERS WERE DELAYED TO-DAY AND THERE WERE A NUMBER OF SCENES WHEN BUSES AND TRAM CONDUCTORS AND CONDUCTRESSES ORDERED THEM TO GET OFF THEIR VEHICLES.

They are imposing a ban against carrying standing passengers between 9.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. and 10.30 p.m.—the "off-peak" hours.

The reason they give for the ban is "to force the Passenger Transport Board to put more buses on the road during the non-peak period instead of taking them off, as at present."

At Waterloo station a dozen people were standing on the lower deck of a bus. "Off, you," said a blonde conductress.

The passengers did not budge. "The bus won't start until you get off," declared the girl, who walked away.

Two people in one queue shook their fists at a bus girl, who extended her long way of reply. Among those delayed at London Bridge were troops with full kit.

Acute Food Shortage In South-East Asia

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WARNING TO BRITISH

LONDON, NOV. 6. THE BRITISH HOME SECRETARY, JAMES CHUTE, WARNED THE BRITISH PEOPLE AGAINST BELIEVING THAT THEY WILL NEVER AGAIN BE SUBJECT TO AN ATROCIOUS CIVIL DEFENSE ORGANISATION TO BE KEPT UP TO DATE TO MEET ANY FUTURE NEEDS.

The House of Commons passed on to the second reading of the Bill to suspend instead of repeal Britain's civil defence acts.

Edo disclosed that Britain has sent scientists to Japan to investigate the effects of the atomic bomb.

He repeatedly emphasised the necessity of keeping civil defence abreast of progressing methods of death from the skies.

IS RUDOLF STILL SHAMMING? Nuremberg, Nov. 6. If Rudolf Hess, at present under medical examination, is proved insane, the proceedings against him will not be dropped until the prosecutors of the four nations concerned agree that the insanity finding is irrefutable.

Sir David Eby, the British prosecutor, said to-day: "We have had no indication that Hess is in a different condition to-day than when we decided that he was fit enough to be included in the indictment two months ago, although the question of his sanity had been raised."

DOCKERS' DELEGATES RESUME TALKS London, Nov. 6. Talks on wages and working conditions between dockers' delegates and employers were resumed to-day following the men's return to work.

Result of the talks will be reported through the national delegates' conference of the Unions.

San Francisco, Nov. 6. For the first time in the history of elections a Chinese woman was named to serve on the Federal Grand Jury here.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, CENTRAL EXECUTIVE BRANCH EDUCATION DEPARTMENT NOTICE

Yau-mat Government School will re-open in temporary premises at 610 Nathan Road on Tuesday, November 13th. Registration date Monday, November 12th. Fees will be as in 1941.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Messrs. LAMBERT BROS., Auctioneers, Appraisers and Surveyors, have removed their offices and auction rooms to the basement of Paddar Building, as from the 5th November 1945. Telephone No. 30234.

BORISBALL ASSOCIATION

A Meeting will be held at Room No. 54, St. George's Building 3rd floor, at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, November 8th. All Clubs interested are invited to send a Representative.

W. E. HOLLANDS, Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE

THE EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD. have moved back to their former offices in Queen's Building, 2nd floor. Tel. No. 34111.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST HONG KONG

Meetings at which testimonies of Christian Science healings are given are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 5.30 p.m. at Banque de l'Inde Chine (French Bank Bldg.) 2nd floor, Queen's Road.

Next meeting: 7th Nov., 1945.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Mr. Ip Kwai Chung (葉貴松) has terminated his service since March 1942 as manager of Messrs. Eng Aun Tong (永安堂) and as attorney for Mr. Aw Boon Haw (胡文虎) in Hong Kong and elsewhere and as from that date his powers whether to act as manager of or agent for Messrs. Eng Aun Tong and/or attorney for Mr. Aw Boon Haw has been revoked and that he has no further connection with Messrs. Eng Aun Tong or Mr. Aw Boon Haw.

Dated this 7th day of November 1945.

ENG AUN TONG PROPRIETOR, AW BOON HAW

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG WORKS BRANCH WATER SUPPLY NOTICE

Water supplied from the Waterworks to Consumers will be charged for from the 15th November, 1945.

Consumers must sign at the office of the Water Authority, St. George's Building, Chater Road, by the 18th November 1945, the undertaking (Form F) to pay water charges for their premises if they wish to retain a supply of water.

Either a landlord's or a tenant's signature will be accepted.

Landlords and tenants must decide between themselves who is to be responsible for payment of water charges.

Premises for which no Form F is signed will be disconnected from the Waterworks.

Water charges will be as laid down in Water Works Ordinance No. 20 of 1938, a copy of which can be seen in the office of the Water Authority.

Commanding Officers of Service Units are not required to sign Form F but are requested to submit a list of premises occupied by them.

H. S. ROUSE, Colonel, G.A. (Works)

Hong Kong, 4th November, 1945

HONG KONG UNIVERSITY

Alumni Association
ALL PAST STUDENTS of the University are cordially requested to attend:
A REUNION DINNER & GENERAL MEETING
to be held at the Cafe de Chine, China Building, on Wednesday, 21st November, 1945, at 5.30 p.m.
Please send in your name and address together with the cover charge (H.K. \$10.-) to:
Mr. Fung Ping Fan of Bank of East Asia, Ltd., Phone 27747, or Mr. Y. C. Kwan of Eu Tong Sen, Ltd., Phone 23583.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG NOTICE

C.A.A. MEDICAL BRANCH

Tenders are invited for the supply of new headstones and for the renumbering of old headstones in Chinese public cemeteries in Hong Kong and Kowloon.

Full particulars may be obtained from the Medical Branch (C.A.), Hong Kong Bank Building, 1st floor.

All tenders, which are to be put in sealed covers clearly marked with the words "Tender for Supply of Headstones", must reach the Medical Branch (C.A.) not later than 15th November, 1945.

The Administration does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

J. P. FEHLY, Col.

D. D. M. S. (C.A.)

Hong Kong, 5th November, 1945.

REPATRIATION NOTICE

No. 28

The S.S. ARAWA is expected to leave for the United Kingdom on the 9th November.

Probable hour of embarkation 2 p.m.

The undermentioned should stand by in readiness to leave:

An additional list will be published at short notice if, on the ship's arrival, it is found that accommodation can be provided for women and children.

FOR UNITED KINGDOM (unaccompanied males)

Mr. J. E. Sandbach
Mr. J. D. Taylor
Mr. A. R. Phillips
Mr. J. Gardiner
Mr. F. C. Mudie
Mr. G. A. Leiper
Mr. H. L. N. Ascoug
Canon E. W. L. Martin
Mr. L. C. Pennell
Mr. G. A. H. Wright-Nooth
Mr. G. F. Young
Mr. A. L. Gordon
Mr. T. McCarthy
Mr. A. Oravee
Mr. H. Hallgren
Mr. C. G. Smith
Mr. G. Crookdrake
Mr. M. A. Varogsky-Erooga
Mr. D. Wilson
Mr. A. Andrew
Mr. T. Swan
Mr. A. McArthur
Mr. C. H. Summers
Mr. N. D. Moffan
Mr. M. L. de C. Laurence
Rev. E. Salvador
Rev. C. Pinto

H.K.V.D.C.

Sgt. Dick John

Cpl. Leitch J. R.

Cpl. Karpushoff G. M.

Lt. Wright A. M. J.

Pte. Greenhalgh W. E.

Capt. Valentino R. K.

Capt. Dand A. A.

Those who are accommodated in the RAPWI Centre at Kowloon will be included in the RAPWI list.

It is expected that accommodation will be allotted on S.S. TAMOROA for women and children and any further men on the Civilian Repatriation Officer's List. This ship is expected to leave for the United Kingdom, via Shanghai, on about 11th November.

Lists will be published later.

The S.S. EMPIRE CHIEFTAIN is expected to leave for CANADA on or about 13th November.

Time of departure will be notified later.

The undermentioned should stand by in readiness to leave:

Donat Mother St.

Rossella Sister St.

Eichenbaum Miss L.

Russell Mr. D. O.

Sutor Mrs. C.

Sutor Mrs. P.

Gertrude Sister St.

Assumpta Blanche Gobell St.

Maria

Sando Mrs. E. M.

Sutor Mr. P. A.

Sutor Miss E.

Woo Miss D. E.

H.E.V.D.C.

Krofta Mr. J.

Krofta Mrs. K.

REPATRIATION OFFICE

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OFF-DUTY HOURS

The opening of the Catholic Centre and the plans for broadening the appeal of the Cheero Club, where nightly entertainments are to become the vogue, re-focus attention on that perennial problem, "What is the Serviceman to do with himself when ashore or off-duty from his barracks?" General Festing told his audience at the Catholic Centre, what goes almost without saying, that provided he can spend his time in decent, healthy pleasure, he will always do so in preference to other less desirable methods of passing the time. In this matter Hong Kong is not without experience. The Colony has always been both a barracks town and a naval port, in the English sense of these terms. Only the few whose whole picture is distorted by a freakish incident here and there need therefore be reminded of the qualities inherent in the men of all branches of the Services and of the lamentable stupidity and injustice of condemning the many — or even condemning any of them at all — for the human failings of the odd one or two. Under present conditions in the Colony, it takes a perverse point of view indeed to pick on the occasional fault when, in fact, the credit side of the ledger has so much to show. Actually, we should be making our excuses, and impressing upon the man in uniform that he is not walking the streets of a normal Hong Kong, and that the severe restrictions on what the Colony has to offer against conditions in happier and more comfortable times are to be found partly in the breakdown of normal means of transportation, partly, perhaps mainly, in the temporary absence of almost the entire British resident community. To the problem, insofar as it constitutes a problem, there never has been any final solution. The ideal, of course, is that the Serviceman on his arrival here should gradually, in the same way as any other individual freshly here from Home, make his own social contacts and frankly take such part in the normal social life of the community as his duties and his personality allow. In the past hundreds have done so, and, at the end of their tour, have left Hong Kong with very sincere regrets. In the future, we feel sure, hundreds will share that experience, for what it may be worth. At the present time, unfortunately, there is no British community social life in any true sense, and, pretty lousy lot as we may be, Hong Kong is hardly a better place for it. We have therefore, to invite our friends of the Services to bear with us, to realise that the limitations are not of our choosing, and that we do quite genuinely deplore the fact that they are thrown so much upon their own resources in seeking diversion.

TAIPO ROAD ATTACK ON EUROPEAN

Mr. Grey, purser on board a British ship in port, was the victim of a hold-up in Tai-po Road on Friday afternoon. The R.A.F. was driving on Tai-po Road in a vehicle, when near the Reservoir, he saw a European covered with blood stumbling down the road.

Sgt. Jones took the man into his car, and learned that he was attacked by four Chinese, who struck him on the head with a stone, and robbed him of \$20 and private papers. One of the men was armed with a revolver.

Mr. Grey was lying in the vicinity when he met the man at about 4 p.m. on Sunday. He was taken to the R.A.F. Hospital and went back to his ship after treatment.

SUBMERGED WRECK

A wrecked buoy has been established in the western approaches to Hong Kong, according to a notice to mariners issued yesterday.

A submerged wreck dangerous to navigation situated 12 1/2 degrees 45 miles distant from Tai-po Light is marked with a small unlighted conical buoy. A lighted wreck marking buoy will replace this temporary mark by 1st Dec. near Tai-po.

Only Naval Ship With Sails In H.K.

ATTRACTING LITTLE NOTICE FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC, WHOSE INTEREST IN LARGE NAVAL CRAFT IS NEVER ON THE WANE AS THEY CROSS THE HARBOUR BY FERRY THROUGHOUT THE DAY, ARE SEVERAL LITTLE MOTOR LAUNCHES THAT ARE DOING ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT JOBS IN THE INITIAL STAGES OF HONG KONG'S REHABILITATION.

INQUIRIES SOLICITED AN INVITATION ABOARD H.M.S. CHALLENGER, MOTHER SHIP TO ALL THE LITTLE CRAFT. IT IS ON H.M.S. CHALLENGER THAT THE NEW HYDROGRAPHICAL SURVEY OF HONG KONG HARBOUR IS BEING DRAFTED.

H.M.S. Challenger (Cmdr. C. W. Sabine, O.B.E., R.N., Captain) was originally built for the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries as an Arctic Research Ship. She has seen service on Ministry work off the Labrador Coast.

She has been, for the war years, a hydrographical survey vessel, with 20 motor-launches equipped with echo sounders which have averaged 8,000 miles each in depth sounding trips throughout the last year that have completely surveyed Torres Straits, Keppel Harbour in Singapore, the mouth of the Salween and, now, Hong Kong Harbour.

A complete survey has already been made of the little harbour at Aberdeen. One submerged wreck was discovered, about the size of a coastal fishing vessel.

A general preliminary survey estimates the total number of wrecks in Hong Kong Harbour at 53, including 19 large vessels. Some of these were sunk in American air raids over Hong Kong during the Japanese occupation and a number were scuttled in December, 1941.

LITTLE DANGER
Hong Kong harbour, the officers told our reporter, is of comparatively little danger to shipping as most of the wrecks are either not completely submerged or their locations are clearly marked.

A vessel with large displacement nosing her way into Hong Kong will not give the pilot on the bridge as much of a headache as attempting the mouth of the Donnai River on her way to the port of Saigon.

There the United States Air Force had been even more effective, cluttering up the mouth of the river with the wreckage of most of the Japanese conveyer fleet and in the conveyance of shipments of rice bound for the Philippines.

The Naval Base at Singapore was also a difficult job. The two principal obstructions there were the wrecks of Japanese cruisers. Minor items were old torpedoes, which had been pushed from the pier into the basin, cranes that had toppled over, and lumps of rubble from bomb damage.

TOUGH LUCK
The ship's officers are not without their load of bitterness and chagrin. They had spent months on a hydrographical survey of Torres Straits between New Guinea and the North Australian coast.

After laborious charting they had surveyed a route that could possibly see battleships drawing a 35-foot displacement safely through the Straits.

These vessels have come through in the final assault on Japanese strongholds in the Pacific, saving themselves the longer 10,000-mile journey around the Australian continent. The sudden termination of the war nullified the immediate importance of the job.

A visit to the chart-room introduced our reporter to the staff.

21 YEARS IN HONG KONG

AFTER COMPLETING 21 YEARS' RESIDENCE IN HONG KONG, YESTERDAY AND EIGHT YEARS WITHOUT LONG LEAVE, MR. J. A. BENDALL, CHIEF ACCOUNTANT OF THE WATERWORKS DEPARTMENT, IS DUE TO FLY HOME TO-DAY VIA KUNMING AND CALCUTTA.

A senior member of the Hong Kong Police Reserve, his interest in the unit goes back to 1929 when he joined the Sharpshooters Company, which was later merged into the Emergency Unit of the Hong Kong Police Reserve.

He was appointed Officer Commanding the B.M. (B) in 1938. In a local world of sport, he has always shown a keen interest, being an active member of the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association, secretary and treasurer of the Hong Kong Civil Service Cricket Club, and vice-president of the Public Works Recreation Club.

Mr. Bendall is to undergo an operation on arrival in the United Kingdom. His numerous friends will, in conjunction with us, wish him a speedy recovery to good health and a safe return to Hong Kong.

SOVIET DIRIGIBLE

Moscow, Nov. 6.
The newspaper, "Bolshevik," reported that a big Soviet dirigible "Victory" has just completed its flight of over eighty hours over the Black Sea in exploratory work and hunting of floating mines. This is the first mention of Soviet dirigibles to come from Moscow. — Associated Press.

HAS SAILS

An unassuming type, he is a portrait painter by trade in civilian life. He had little to say about his work other than for explaining some of the precautions of the drafting-room's ever-present menaces, Brother Rat.

There is a prominent notice in the room, stating: "Officers are to make sure that all tracings are stored and drawers shut." It appears that rats indulge in a diet that includes all types of drawing-paper, other than Kodak-tracing.

At dinner, we learned some more about H. M. S. Challenger. She is the only vessel in the Royal Navy equipped with sails. A forecast and a gaff-masted helped push her 1,435 tons across the Atlantic in 1940 in a voyage home from the West Indies. They gave her about an extra half-knot to the engines, also making steering easier in heavy seas.

It appeared that no actual printing of charts was done on board H.M.S. White Bear, now at Singapore, the only ship in the world carrying extensive printing-presses. She is under the command of Capt. A. Day, R.N.

In Hong Kong Harbour, the H.M.S. Challenger's motor-launches that surveyed the wharves' area to ensure a safe berthing of ships. The general survey of the harbour was started first in a north-westerly, then in an easterly direction around the harbour in search of wrecks.

The officers on board we found to be fairly representative of the Empire. Australia and India were represented, and the officers were mourning the transfer of another vessel of a New Zealand. Even the old Hong Kong has not been missed with one officer who was stationed here on H.M.S. Medway for some years.

Paris, Nov. 6.
Bread will be taken off the French ration list soon and there will be more meat, potatoes, sugar and chocolate available during the next few months, according to an announcement by the Food Minister, Christian Pineau. — Associated Press.

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U.S. Navy Trying To Boost Exchange Value

AMERICAN NAVY AUTHORITIES ASHORE IN HONG KONG HAVE ADOPTED A NOVEL TECHNIQUE IN TRYING TO RAISE THE EXCHANGE VALUE OF UNITED STATES DOLLARS TO THE HIGHLY FAVORABLE POSITION THEY ENJOYED WHEN THE FLEET FIRST ARRIVED LAST MONTH.

SHORE PATROLMEN HAVE BEEN STATIONED IN FRONT OF THE PRINCIPAL MONEY CHANGER ESTABLISHMENTS TO PREVENT SAILORS FROM PATRONISING THEM UNTIL THE EXCHANGE VALUE IS BOOSTED.

The official rate is four to one. When the Americans first swarmed into Hong Kong in mid-October the free market rate was approximately eight to one. It dropped a few days ago to around six to one.

Loudspeakers at the wharf admonish American seamen not to patronize money changers unless they got at least 7.50 Hong Kong dollars for each American dollar. The rate on Tuesday was 6.80.

An American shore commander declared that financial men had informed him that there was no reason for the rate dropping, except that the money changers believed they could beat down the price, so he decided on the boycott tactics.

Americans also feel themselves irked by the changers' insistence on discounting their currency and bills of Hawaii origin.

There now are about 20 American ships in the harbour.

I.L.O. BOARD

Paris, Nov. 6.
The International Labour Organisation has selected Australia, Brazil, Chile, Egypt, Mexico, Peru, Poland and Sweden to fill eight positions in the Board of Directors which are alternated annually. The United States, United Kingdom, France, China, Belgium, Holland, Canada, and India have been selected in other positions on a standing basis. — Associated Press.

TRAFFIC DEATHS

Chicago, Nov. 6.
The nation's September traffic deaths after the gasoline ration was lifted were 2,830, an increase of 40 percent over the same month a year ago, according to the National Safety Council, which is urging motorists to drive with extra caution.

PIANO RECITAL

A pianoforte recital will be given by Mrs. Mary Goodwin at 8 p.m. to-night in St. John's Cathedral Hall, Garden Road. All interested are welcome.

ARAB CHARGE

Cairo, Nov. 6.
Musa Alami, a leader in the Pan-Arab League, said the Arabs willingly would agree to additional Jewish immigration if an impartial United Nations body decided Palestine's economy could carry the extra load.

He charged that the Jews are more interested in the number of immigrants than in the more important problem of whether Palestine actually can absorb greater numbers on a sound economic basis.

He said the Arabs were not opposed to any Jew who wishes to settle in Palestine for religious reasons.

He charged that the younger generation of Jews had been taught to dislike the Arabs and that the Arabs have little to say in the country's administration. — Associated Press.

MILITARY STORES CHARGE

Two Chinese merchants, Ho Yee-mul, and Wong Yung-fai, were subpoenaed by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday for unlawful possession of military stores at Electric Road.

It was alleged that the accused were found in possession of a bag of Australian flour and a tin of biscuits, property of the Naval Authorities.

Accused stated that they bought the goods from sampans people who collected them from ships in the harbour.

The Court warned that no excuse would be accepted in future cases.

Sergeant McCarthy presided.

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H.K.V.D.C. At Armistice Ceremony

Volunteers orders state in reference to dependants in Macao that applications for the return to Hong Kong of dependants with own local accommodation will not be received after 3 p.m. to-day. The H.K.V.D.C. will be represented at the Armistice Day Ceremony at the Hong Kong War Memorial on Sunday. The following will take part in the ceremony:

Officers in attendance to the C-in-C: Lt. Col. E. J. R. Mitchell, O.B.E., E.D., and Mr. J. B. Zimmern, H.K.V.D.C. Detachment: Lt. F. V. Ribeiro, Lt. J. M. M. Alves, Pte. R. J. Reed, Pte. G. M. Ozorio, Pte. H. A. Soares, Pte. V. A. Vyanovich, Pte. C. A. Botelho, Lt. C. J. O. Siqueira, Pte. R. A. Campos, Pte. F. J. A. Remedios, Pte. L. D. A. Pina, Pte. L. J. C. L. Pina, Pte. C. I. Gutierrez, Pte. L. C. Silva, Pte. B. B. Baleros, Pte. R. A. Castro, Pte. R. M. Gutierrez, Pte. H. J. Xavier, Pte. A. A. Roza, Pte. A. J. Brown, Pte. F. M. H. Castro, Pte. D. F. Lopes and Pte. J. L. S. Alves. Dress: Bush shirts (ontside trousers, sleeves rolled, K.D. Belt), K.D. Trousers (no leggings or puttees), Cape F.S. A.R., Black Boots. The above personnel will parade at H.K.V.D.C. H.Q. at 0830 hrs. on Sunday.

P.O.W.s who were released by the Japanese in 1942 will be issued with clothing on Thursday, November 8 between 2 and 4 p.m.

Volunteers due for repatriation ex Hong Kong who wish to exchange Hong Kong dollar into any foreign currency, must apply to the Adjutant for the necessary forms. Before exchanging the money at the Field Cashiers Office.

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The Toc H Group, who now operate a canteen at St. Andrew's Church Hall, open from 7 to 10.30 p.m. nightly, are headed by W. C. Davies, who is officially attached to 3 Commando Brigade. There is now a Toc H representative with the Services in every theatre the services have been taken to.

The first meeting was held at the Vicarage last night of the Toc H Services Circle, and civilian members and all interested in Toc H work are invited to attend these Tuesday evening circles.

Mr. Davies told our reporter that a ceremony would be held in the near future to erect the memorial to the late Mr. Ellington, who was one of the members of the Toc H group that constructed the new road to the Tai-po Orphanage in 1941.

Toc H aims at fellowship and service, irrespective of race, colour, religion, creed or politics.

NEW COMMANDO O.C. IN HONG KONG

The new Officer Commanding the 3 Commando Brigade and Garrison Commander, Kowloon, Brig. H. D. Fellowes, D.S.O., R.E.M., arrived in Hong Kong yesterday by plane via Calcutta and Rangoon.

Brig. Fellowes, formerly Commanding Officer of 42 Royal Marine Commando, flew out from England. He commanded the 42 R.M. Commando in Burma. It was during this campaign that the Brigadier was wounded, later receiving the award of the D.S.O.

He was, after his Burma service, for a short time Deputy Commander of the Brigade in India and then flew home to take up the post of Deputy Commander of 1 Commando Brigade.

This is not the Brigadier's first visit to Hong Kong as he was here in 1939 as a Royal Marine Officer in one of H.M. ships.

HILLIER STREET INCIDENT

Four Chinese and a girl of 17 were taken to the Queen Mary Hospital suffering from wounds as a result of an attack by four Indian soldiers in Hillier Street on Monday night.

The incident occurred about 10.30 when the girl, Chai Nui, was approached by four Indian soldiers in uniform. She started to run and one of the Indians gave chase. Four Chinese passers-by who tried to interfere became involved.

The Police were informed and the Emergency Unit were sent to the scene. One of the soldiers was apprehended.

The girl was seriously injured, while the others were discharged after treatment.

A wooden door in

Soviet Only Hope Of Saving I.L.O.

THE AMERICAN LABOUR DELEGATION AND THE MEXICAN WORKERS DELEGATE, SPEAKING AT THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION MEETING TO-DAY, BOTH URGED THE SOVIET TO JOIN THE ORGANISATION.

"THIS IS NOT A POLITICAL QUESTION. NOT AN IDEALISTIC QUESTION. NOT A QUESTION OF PRINCIPLES—IT IS SIMPLY A QUESTION OF THE SURVIVAL OF THIS ORGANISATION," IT WAS DECLARED.

It was pointed out that though the majority of the world is under the capitalist system at least a third is under socialism.

"No international organisation could hope to exist without the three great powers which defeated Fascism," it was added.

The American delegate said: "It is true there have been negotiations with the Soviet Union, which have not succeeded, but they have been private and such negotiations should not be private. We have nothing of which to be afraid."

"I have never been a member of the Communist Party in my country, for reasons I am prepared to explain to anyone. But I say that this organisation cannot succeed without the Soviet Union, the United States and Britain."

Mr. Joseph Hallsworth, British workers' delegate, said: "I would be glad to have Russia in the I.L.O."

He added: "But the essence of the I.L.O. is freedom and if Russia comes in it must not be as a dictatorship. The principle of the I.L.O. is that a government must not dictate to workers' delegates or employers' delegates what they should do or how they should vote."

The conference to-day discussed the Belgian proposal that the present national delegations to the I.L.O. include two government delegates, one employers' and one workers' delegate.

The Belgian proposal urged further that in completely socialist countries the employers' delegates should be managers of socialist undertakings, that is to say, more or less government servants.

THE SPITFIRE

Amendments by partly socialist countries, however, suggested that one employers' and one workers' delegate should be from a State undertaking.

The proposal, it is pointed out, would mean in practice that the government of a socialist country with one delegate representing the employers and one the worker and two direct representatives would have four representatives to the workers' one.

John Forbes Watson, the British employers' delegate, defending private enterprise told the conference that "private enterprise produced the Spitfires which won the battle of Britain. Private enterprise won the battle of Britain and, by doing so, allowed you all to come here."

Mr. Watson said that there had been 67 I.L.O. conventions attended by 63 countries out of which 13 had not ratified one single convention.

"If this organisation is to live it must introduce a greater sense of reality into its work and into all who come to it."

Henry Carlos Prior, the Indian Government delegate, said there was great value in the suggestion which had been made that member states be required to state their reasons why they are unable to ratify conventions.

ASIATIC TALKS?

"Reports need not be too long but should be such as to insure that member states take stock of their position and give sufficient information to enable the Office and committee of experts to lay clearer and more illuminating reports before the conference."

"I have already stressed the importance of framing conventions so as to allow ratification. The procedure I have outlined would permit the conference to gauge how large a step forward should be aimed at in future conventions."

Prior supported the proposal by Mr. Joshi, Indian workers' delegate, that Asiatic countries should always have two workers' representatives.

"The Government of India would welcome an early Asiatic regional conference and would be happy if it could be held in India," he added.

The whole question in the altering of the constitution and the question of affiliation to the new United Nations' Organisation and other points raised during the debate were referred to the small "working committee" which will prepare a report and present it at the conference.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT LETTERS

Washington, Nov. 6. The late President Roosevelt's White House files totalling sixty-four bundles each as big as a bale of hay has been made available to the Senate House Committee inquiring into the Pearl Harbour disaster, Senator George of Georgia reported in response to a question by Republican members of the Committee raised as to whether some of President Roosevelt's correspondence might be regarded as personal and withheld.—Associated Press.

SCHUSSNIG TO TESTIFY?

Nuernberg, Nov. 6. Kurt Schussnig, ex-chancellor of Austria, whom the Nazis imprisoned after March, 1938, on the occasion of the Anschluss, has arrived at Nuernberg, the scene of the forthcoming Nazi trials.

Some sources said that there might be a possibility that he will be the witness against Arthur Seyss-Inquart, his successor as chancellor.—Associated Press.

PREMIER TO TRAVEL

Athens, Nov. 6. Greece's new premier, Panagiotis Kanellopoulos, said to-day he expects to make a trip to Washington and London in about two weeks "to ask for more aid" for rehabilitation of his stricken country.—Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 6.

The Government has moved to head off the potential nation-wide strike by appointing Arthur H. Meyer, Chairman of the New York Mediation Board, as special conciliator to handle the wage dispute between the United States Steel Corporation and the United Steelworkers.—Associated Press.

TRUMAN MAY VISIT FRANCE

Paris, Nov. 6. The newspaper "Mid" said in an uncredited dispatch that President Truman might come to Europe in the Spring for a visit to Paris and Normandy.—Associated Press.

JAPS NOT WANTED

Mexico City, Nov. 6. Mexico doesn't want Japanese fishing fleets to return to the banks off Lower California unless they first seek permission. President Avila Camacho has issued a memorandum asserting Mexico's right to all fish, oil and mineral resources offshore to the edge of the continental shelf. (President Truman recently issued the same proclamation covering the waters adjacent to the United States).

Mexican officials said foreign fishing fleets, principally Japanese, almost depleted the fishing banks before the war.—Associated Press.

BATTLEWAGON GETS A CITATION

Bremerton, Nov. 6. Rear-Admiral Ralph W. Christie, Puget Sound Navy Yard Commandant, to-day presented the U.S.S. Pennsylvania with a navy unit citation in recognition of the battleship's long and distinguished war service.

The battleship is undergoing repairs to damage inflicted by a Japanese aerial torpedo on August 12, 1945, 69 hours before the end of the war.—Associated Press.

Tokyo, Nov. 6.

The Allied Headquarters has ordered the screening of 400,000 teachers in 35,000 schools and the dismissal of all militaristic and ultra-nationalists from the faculties.—Associated Press.

Notice To Wireless Stockholders

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A LETTER WHICH HAS BEEN ISSUED TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF CABLE AND WIRELESS (HOLDING) LIMITED AND TO THE PRESS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM:—

The United Kingdom Government have signified their decision that the Telecommunications Services should in future come under Government ownership.

The United Kingdom Government's proposal is that they should acquire all shares of Cable and Wireless Limited (the operating company) whose capital is £30,000,000 of which the Government already hold £2,500,000.

The shares of Cable and Wireless Limited (the operating company) are at present held exclusively by the Associated Cable Companies, Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company Limited, and His Majesty's Government and are the main asset of the holding company.

GOVERNOR'S SPEECH

Your directors desire to remind the stockholders of the reference made to discussions on this subject in the Governor's speech at the annual general meeting held in June, 1945, and of the assurance then given to stockholders that their interests were ever in the minds of their directors and that whatever might be the trend of the discussions the stockholders would be consulted before any irrevocable steps were taken by the Board.

The decision of the United Kingdom Government implies the acceptance of recommendations by the Commonwealth Telecommunications Conference which met in London in July, 1945.

These recommendations envisaged the formation of public utility corporations in the United Kingdom and in the Dominions and India and the establishment of an overriding authority which would in effect receive the net revenue of these corporations from which it would deduct its own expenses and such expenditure as was deemed to be common to the system as a whole thereafter apportioning the balance among the various national bodies.

The central body would also be responsible for decisions on matters of policy.

STOCKHOLDERS' REPRESENTATIONS

The directors while at all times anxious to co-operate with the Government in anything that may be for the benefit of Imperial communications have felt bound to make the strongest representations both verbally and in writing to the United Kingdom Government and to the Commonwealth Telecommunications Conference and other conferences which preceded it to the effect that they consider the proposals to be inimical to the interests of the peoples of the Empire and to all classes of telecommunication users.

They have also said that they consider the proposed scheme impracticable and unwelcome.

They also considered it dangerous to the Empire's communications to surrender to the Government ownership of Cable and Wireless (Holding) Limited or of any of the other companies in that group.

Most U.N.R.R.A. Supplies To Go To China

CHUNGKING, NOV. 6. DOUBT OVER THE ACCURACY OF REPORTS THAT THE UNITED STATES ARMY IS DESTROYING SOME SURPLUS MATERIAL IN CHINA RATHER THAN DISTRIBUTE IT AS FREE GIFTS AND THEREBY POSSIBLY HAMPER NORMAL AMERICAN COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES, WAS EXPRESSED TO-DAY BY ROY HENDRICKSON, DEPUTY-DIRECTOR OF THE U.N.R.R.A. WHO IS NOW VISITING CHINA.

HENDRICKSON SAID THAT MAJOR-GENERAL HENRY AURAND, CHIEF OF THE SERVICES OF SUPPLY IN CHINA HAD INFORMED HIM THAT SUBSTANTIAL SURPLUSES OF MATERIAL WERE BEING TURNED OVER TO THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

"I would doubt if any destruction is being carried out," he said.

He declared that in China and elsewhere, the U.N.R.R.A. was obtaining from the United States army substantial quantities of material suitable for civilian relief and rehabilitation.

He said that as many military surpluses in China were being turned over to the Chinese Government it was unnecessary for U.N.R.R.A. to make arrangements for their purchase.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

His statement was based on the conversations he had in Washington with General Wedemeyer and in Kunming with Auran.

"I very seriously doubt whether any destruction of material has been carried out in China," Hendrickson said.

Benjamin Kizer, director of the China office of U.N.R.R.A. interposed to say that U.N.R.R.A. was taking over U.S.\$1,000,000 worth of medicine and supplies from the United States army in China.

These were drawn mainly from the Kunming and Chungking areas and would be used in those localities.

He said that U.N.R.R.A. had acquired from the American army 1,403 tons of medical supplies, surgical instruments and hospital equipment.

The organization was sending representatives to Shanghai for power shovels and other things needed for the conservation projects particularly on the Yangtze and the Yellow River.

BIGGEST RECEIVER

Hendrickson said that U.N.R.R.A. was planning to send an average of 200 trucks to China on each liberty ship to help in the distribution of supplies and was trying to get barges out of the United States army surplus in the Pacific. The organization was also trying to get tug-boats and had taken over some contracts from the United States army and navy.

Hendrickson emphasised that China would be the biggest receiver of U.N.R.R.A. supplies.

Hendrickson will be received to-morrow by Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek. He will start about Nov. 14 on a tour of inspection which will include Canton, Kweilin, Luchow, Hangyang, Changsha, Hankow, Peking, Tientsin and Shanghai.—Associated Press.

AIR TRANSPORT

London, Nov. 6. Government's decision that shipping and railway interests will not be allowed to participate in financing civil aviation (which is to be wholly Government-financed) causes natural regret in the city. Transport circles feel everything now depends on how far Government will make use of their experience and enable surface transport to dovetail with and to expand air transport.

They argue that the quickness of the decision, which is vital for aviation, is inappropriate to governmental control, especially as no less than eight ministries are more or less concerned with flying.

Government's decision that chartered flying shall be opened to private operators seems to leave "Shipping and Airlines Limited" (formed by 37 British companies owning deep-sea tramps) free to develop its plans.—Reuter.

TRIESTE TROUBLES

Rome, Nov. 6. Dispatches in Rome newspapers said yesterday that at least one person was killed and many others wounded on Saturday during the disorders in Trieste while undetermined number of persons lost their lives in the uprisings in Capodistria, ten miles south of the Adriatic port city.

Trieste disorders occurred when Yugoslav sympathisers attempted to interfere with the mass meetings of pro-Italians held in commemoration of the 27th anniversary of the Italian occupation of the city now claimed by both the Italians and the Yugoslavs.—Associated Press.

BACK TO ATTU

San Francisco, Nov. 6. Sixteen out of 40 Aleutians seized in the Japanese invasion of Attu in 1942 have arrived here en route to Attu.

The group include a month-old infant and a two-year old child born in a Hokkaido prison camp.—Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 6. The Commerce Department announced to-day the first cotton goods "for the Netherlands East Indies, Indo-China, Norway and Sweden since the United States entered the war."—Reuter.

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Football players decided by 31 votes in favour of the motion not to play on Saturday, Nov. 17, unless the Football League will meet their demands, which include better wages, with £12 as the maximum weekly, all-year round contracts and better insurance.

The international player, Barnum Crooks, presided over the meeting, which was packed with international "stars."

It was unanimously agreed to play against the Soviet touring side if the Football Association fixed the matches and picked the teams.—Reuter.

Indonesians In London

London, Nov. 6. Two Indonesian delegates who had been representing the Indonesian National Association in Amsterdam have arrived at the World Youth Conference and have conferred with the Dutch Delegation about issuing a "common statement" on the fighting in the Netherlands East Indies.

The delegates, M. Darusman and R. M. Surigadisa, came to the conference at a radioed request from Dr. Soekarno.

Darusman said: "We believe in self-determination for Indonesia and we approve resistance to the Dutch military occupation of our country. We don't approve, however, of Doctor Soekarno's wartime policy of working with the Japanese."—Associated Press.

MOSCOW DRAPED IN RED-BUNTING

Moscow, Nov. 6. The Soviet capital draped itself in red bunting as its citizens, bound by stronger ties of patriotism than ever before, prepared to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the "October revolution."

Ceremonies are being held tonight with a speech by Josef Stalin, who traditionally addresses the people on the eve of the anniversary of the Bolshevik uprising to overthrow the interim Kerensky government.

It is called the "October revolution" because it was October 25 under the Julian calendar. The present calendar date is November 7.—Associated Press.

UNRRA PURCHASES

Paris, Nov. 6. The U.N.R.R.A. has purchased from the Army and Navy Liquidation Commission more than \$21,000,000 worth of surplus war materials for Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Greece.

The purchases include 200 locomotives and 4,120 freight cars.—Associated Press.

FROM SAIPAN

San Francisco, Nov. 6. The attack transport, U.S.S. "Menifee" is on its third return trip from the Orient from Saipan with 1,969 passengers on board and is scheduled to observe its first birthday to-day.—Associated Press.

OTTO TO STAND TRIAL

Paris, Nov. 6. French sources said today that the trial of Otto Abetz, Hitler's Ambassador to France during the German occupation, would take place before the Military Court of Seine district instead of an Allied Tribunal.—Associated Press.

London, Nov. 6. The Exchange Telegraph quoted Prague radio to-day, as saying that a Norwegian delegation is expected in Prague in November to negotiate a trade agreement with Norway and Czechoslovakia.—Associated Press.

New Delhi, Nov. 6. Plans for the construction of almost 3,000 miles of new rail lines in India during the next seven years have been announced. The existing mileage in India is about 41,000 miles.—Associated Press.

London, Nov. 6. A large number of men engaged in rush repair work marched in a procession in London yesterday in support of their claim to the guaranteed working week of 40 hours and three shillings per hour wage for craftsmen.—Reuter.

R.A.F. Officers' Narrow Escape From Indonesia Mob

Local Elections May Be Pointer

Washington, Nov. 6. To-day's local elections will possibly furnish some national political indicators but neutral observers believe that they will be very slim.

The New York city and Detroit mayoralty elections offer the best possibilities in this respect.

Democrats said that victory for William O'Dwyer, their candidate in New York, will be something of a set-back for the Republican Governor, Thomas E. Dewey, because Dewey is backing Judge Jonah Goldstein.

Republicans contend, however, that the O'Dwyer victory will be like a "Dutchman carrying Holland" and that the Detroit election may provide a test in strength of the C.I.O. political action committee which is backing Richard T. Frankenstein, a vice-president of the C.I.O. United Automobile Workers against the incumbent Edward J. Jeffries who is seeking a fourth term.—Associated Press.

AMERICANS HONOUR BRITISH BRASS HAT

Frankfurt, Nov. 6. Major-General Colwyn Villiamy, Director of Signals and Signal Officer-in-Chief for India, was given the American decoration, the Legion of Merit by General Dwight Eisenhower at his Headquarters here to-day.

General Villiamy, whose station in Delhi was awarded the decoration because, according to the citation, "by his leadership, tact and superior judgment he coordinated the British, American and other Allied forces which contributed largely to the success of the invasion of Europe."

In presenting the medal, General Eisenhower said: "You have done a damn good job."—Reuter.

ACUTE PROBLEM FOR M.O.'S

Honolulu, Nov. 6. Army medical officers are facing a long job in China, Japan and the Philippines where sanitation and public health in densely populated areas are acute problems.

Assistant Surgeon General Raymond W. Bliss said en route to the Far East.

He declared that 90 per cent of the war prisoners contacted a parasitic disease like hook-worm and tape-worm.—Associated Press.

PLENTY OF SUGAR

Washington, Nov. 6. The existence of sugar stocks in Java in confirmed by United States Army authorities, announced the Department of Agriculture. Army officials estimate that 1,600,000 short tons, comprising 1,000,000 metric tons in bags, and 400,000 reported by the Dutch authorities in Bura.

It is impossible to forecast when the sugar will be available for export owing to the internal difficulties in Java.—Reuter.

GENERAL HONOURED

Tokyo, Nov. 6. At the Sixth Army headquarters in Tokyo, General Walter Krueger presented the Distinguished Service Medal to-day to Major-General George H. Plattburg for work as Chief of Staff since May 11, 1944.

The award cited service during operations at Wake, Tein, Bink, Noemfoof, Sansapor, Morotai, Leyte, Mindoro and Luzon.—Associated Press.

Chungking, Nov. 6. President Kim Koo of the Korean Provisional Government and 27 subordinates have left for home after talks with Chiang Kai-shek. The group is expected to stop three days in Shanghai.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek expressed the hope that the Korean leaders would strive for freedom and independence and cooperate with the United States, Russia, Britain and other nations without discrimination against race or colour to "build a new world of peace and happiness."—Associated Press.

London, Nov. 6. Legislation to bring the British dependency operated hospitals under State control is predicted in parliamentary circles as the next objective of the new Labour government in its expanding of the nationalisation programme.—Associated Press.

Belgrade, Nov. 6. One hundred thousand people turned out for the biggest mass meeting in Belgrade's history and cheered the Republican leader, Jasha Predanovich, when he declared: "I am convinced the monarchy will never be revived from its deep grave."—Associated Press.

London, Nov. 6. Lincoln Evans, assistant General Secretary of the British Iron and Steel Trade Federation, said in a letter to the "London Times" that Germany has three times more machinery than she had in 1939 and would not take her very long to get ready for any new adventures she may care to embark upon.—Associated Press.

BATAVIA, NOV. 6. CALLING OUT THAT HE WAS AN AUSTRALIAN SAVED A SMALL PARTY OF ROYAL AIR FORCE OFFICERS FROM BEING KILLED BY A MOB IN SOURABAYA, ACCORDING TO WING-COMMANDER WALTER KERR OF SYDNEY, WHO LANDED AT BATAVIA TO-DAY.

WING-COMMANDER KERR AND AN ENGLISHMAN, WING-COMMANDER ROBERT BARNES, WERE IN CHARGE OF THE R.A.F. OFFICERS, WHO WERE SURROUNDED BY INDONESIAN ON OCT. 23, DRAGGED FROM THEIR CAR AND THREATENED WITH INSTANT DEATH.

Wing-Commander Kerr told newspapermen here that he was convinced the whole party would have been butchered, but for the fact that he shouted out that he was an Australian, and jumped from the car to show that he was unarmed.

The Indonesian mob hesitated and the party were hustled into a building by two policemen, while the mob remained outside shouting: "Kill the Whites; give us the British."

They would have starved, added Wing-Commander Kerr, but for the food smuggled to them by the Koreans and Japanese, who were also prisoners in the same jail.

Kerr said: "When we left the canals were reported to be floating with bodies. I saw one Indian in one canal with his hands and feet tied and a rope around his neck."

WOMEN KILLED

The two Wing-Commanders were able to give some information on the ambush of a British convoy, containing supplies and women and children, being shifted from an ex-prisoner-of-war camp.

The jeep, which was leading the convoy, was heavily machine-gunned, and the British officer and Indian, who were in the car, were killed. It is also known that some women and children were killed, but most of the party are still missing.

Five of the trucks that they were riding were found burned and six crashed on the side of the road. The two trucks which got through to the British lines contained wounded women and a dead child.

Later, the women of a third truck walked into the British lines carrying their wounded.—Reuter.

HYMN-SINGING CHINESE

Every night the Indonesians would appear outside the cell, yelling: "All Englishmen will die," and threatening the prisoners with machine-guns.

On the third night, a Chinese, who understood the Indonesian language, told the R.A.F. party: "I cannot help. Just pray to God," and the same Chinese began singing hymns.

On the seventh day the party were taken from the jail without any explanation and handed over to the British.

Wing-Commander Barnes told how a party of 40 odd Indians were brought into the jail in a pitiful condition. They had been without food and water for two days.

Describing conditions in Sourabaya, Wing-Commander

Learned Hard Way

Tokyo, Nov. 6. General MacArthur has approved the statement of General George C. Kenney, Commander of the Far Eastern Air Forces under MacArthur, that the allied Commander-in-Chief's opposition in 1932 to the unification of the armed forces was the greatest mistake of his military career.

General MacArthur said: "Unfortunately, the world since that time has shrank to permit simultaneous and coordinated employment of all three dimensions of modern combat."

"A common denominator now rules every battle area. We have learned during the last four years—and learned in a hard way. I hope that our future national defense will be flexible enough to profit thereby."—Associated Press.

ROUNDING UP NAZI BANKERS

Frankfurt, Nov. 6. The United States army has started rounding up leading German bankers in the American occupation zone having arrested twenty-one directors of six of the largest German institutions, accusing them of financing the German war machine and helping the Nazi exploit the occupied countries.—Associated Press.

CLEAR OF NIPS

Honolulu, Nov. 6. Pearl Harbor fleet headquarters has announced that the last Japanese has left Wake Island for Japan aboard the former luxury liner "Hakawa Maru."

The group consisted of 533 officers, all that was left of the garrison, which was reduced by bombing, starvation and disease. It included only ten men of the original assault troops.—Associated Press.

Seoul, Nov. 6. Six members of the United Korean Committee of American have arrived from Washington apowdly to aid the Korean Provisional Government.—Associated Press.

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Left Him His Office

Liverpool, Nov. 6. Seventy Greek seamen who have been without ships for six months have "regionalised" the city's Greek consulate, where they now occupy every room except the consul's private office.

The men to-day staged a hunger strike in the building.—Reuter.

Appeal To General MacArthur

Tokyo, Nov. 6. An International Independence Youth Movement has been organized here to campaign for full freedom for Indonesia and India. China and has urged General MacArthur to intercede to halt fighting in those areas and advise the United States to mediate.

The letter was signed by the Indonesian, Indo-Chinese, Filipino, Korean and Indian members of the organization. It asked specifically, pending the settlement of the disputes, that General MacArthur make use of his position to prevent the Dutch forces from landing in Indonesia and pursuing the French to withdraw their troops from Indo-China.

"We sincerely hope that the United States will uphold and put into practice her lofty fundamentals as stated by President Truman in his latest speech which recognises the right of all peoples to choose their own form of government."

The appeal to MacArthur was released after a rally in a downtown park at which the group voiced opposition "to all kinds of imperialism barring the establishment of an everlasting peace."—Associated Press.

Americans Don't Like Industrial Strife

WASHINGTON, NOV. 6. THE SHADOW OF SOME 265,000 PERSONS IDLE IN LABOUR DISPUTES IN 31 STATES HUNG OVER THE OPENING SESSIONS OF THE LABOUR-MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE HERE TO-DAY ALTHOUGH THE MEETING IS EXPECTED TO DEAL WITH LONG-RANGE ASPECTS OF LABOUR PEACE.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN, WHO SUMMONED THE CONFERENCE, TOLD THE DELEGATES THAT LABOUR AND MANAGEMENT MUST SQUARE THEIR DIFFERENCES BECAUSE CONTROVERSIES "CAN NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP US IN THE STRUGGLE TO RE-CONVERT TO PEACETIME PRODUCTION."

How Peron Returned To Power

He admonished the 18 men of labour and 18 of industry that the American people do not like industrial strife that has retarded prosperity "especially after the solemn promise of both groups that they would cooperate with their Government."

As the conference opened, California led the states in total number on strike, with 61,450. Pennsylvania was second with 28,637 and Ohio third with 16,450. Massachusetts was most strike-free with only 43 reported.

Major disputes centred around 60,000 A.F.L. lumber workers in the Pacific north-west wage dispute and the spreading strike of Greyhound bus drivers, which already has affected over 4,000 employees in six states, both east and west.

Textile workers accounted for another large bloc of the idle.

Employer delegates to the conference were reported as well agreed there should be a minimum of governmental machinery to deal with labour disputes, while C.I.O. labour representatives were expected to toss the explosive wage issue, the cause of most strikes, into the conversations.—Associated Press.

ANGLO-GREEK MONEY TALKS

Athens, Nov. 6. Gregory Kessimitis conferred to-day with the Financial Advisor of the British Embassy, on financial and economic problems in Greece.

The conversations will be continued with other officials and the Government's financial programme will be announced next week, it was understood.—Associated Press.

Belgrade, Nov. 6. Yugoslav radio reports from in point of fact Yugoslavia was a change from the Kingdom to a "Democratic Federative Republic" would be made by the Skupstina (Yugoslav Parliament), which will be elected on Nov. 11.—Reuter.

Edinburgh, Nov. 6. The first annual session of the branch of the Muslim League in Great Britain, which was held here yesterday, passed a resolution giving full support to the Palestine Arabs and endorsing the demands for Palestine.—Reuter.

Battle Of Hospitals Looms In Britain

LONDON, NOV. 6. ALREADY THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT A BITTER HOUSE OF COMMONS CONTROVERSY WILL BEGIN NEXT YEAR WHEN HEALTH MINISTER ANEIRIN BEVAN BRINGS IN HIS COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL HEALTH SCHEME, THAT IS NOW EXPECTED TO TAKE OVER THE 1,000 VOLUNTARY HOSPITALS.

INDEPENDENCE OF THESE HOSPITALS WILL BE FOUGHT FOR, NOT ONLY BY DISTINGUISHED MEDICAL MEMBERS ON THE OPPOSITION SIDE BUT ALSO POSSIBLY BY SOME LABOUR MEMBERS WHO ARE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH HOSPITALS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.

Critics of voluntary hospitals have argued that it was unsatisfactory for them to depend on charitable collections in streets, penny-a-week schemes and similar efforts, and that the whole system should be rationalised so that hospitals and their hundreds of thousands of patients know precisely where they stand.

Against the system will be the point that, however theoretically sound a system may be, it will not work if the good-will of doctors is alienated because they dislike the way things are being done.

Details of how the scheme will be brought into action have not yet been settled. Pro-longed discussions between Mr. Bevan and the various interests concerned are expected to take place first.

It does not seem likely that the Bill embodying the national health service will be ready for some months. In the New Year it will probably be preceded by that containing the government's social insurance plan and so it will be some time before the actual battle of the hospitals begins.

WANTS HIS PATCH

The following are the views on the Health Minister's proposal to assist the housing problem by erecting high buildings in the country-side:—

Sir Patrick Abercrombie, professor of the Town-Planning University College: "Such a scheme is not suitable for the working class nor for young families. The working man wants his vegetable patch and chicken run as near as possible to his own door."

Sir Charles H. Reilly, professor of architecture at the Liverpool University: "Flats in the suburbs of cities would be a splendid idea if they stopped the spread of houses over the country-side but they did not seem to be necessary in the country."—Reuter.

BRITISH POLICY CONDEMNED

Colombo, Nov. 6. The Ceylon Muslim League, at a mass meeting to-day, condemned the British Labour Government's "repressive" policy in Indonesia.

The speakers, who included members of the State Council, said that the Indonesian struggle against Dutch oppression, begun before the Japanese occupation, was based on the inspiration of Islam and on the highest democratic principles of the modern world.

It was reprehensible that British troops should be used to quell the struggle for freedom, by the Indonesians, the speakers declared.—Reuter.

R.A.F. SOCCER TRIAL

No. 5204 Squadron, R.A.F. are holding a trial Soccer match at King's Park at 5 p.m. to-day. The selected teams are: Probables: Risden; Carter; Brown; Gearing; Joyce; Sellers; Bryden; Dewar; Greenwood; Compston; Voss; Possibles: Shankland; Butler; Perry; Richmond; Rhodes; Stutt; Bratt; Clegg; Caldwell; Gough; Cave; Linesmen: Williams and FitzGibbons; Referee: Crowther.

NEW YORK, NOV. 6.

A record breaking total of \$421,000,000 was won on thoroughbred racing in New York State this year, exceeding the 1944 mark by \$32,000,000. The State's share totalled over \$27,000,000.—Associated Press.

New York, Nov. 6. The baseball clown Al Schacht is heading for the Pacific tomorrow where he will entertain troops of the occupation armies throughout the Pacific area in solo acts, the United States Organization camp shows announced.—Associated Press.

Melbourne, Nov. 6. Approximately 22,000,000 was won on the Melbourne Cup, Australia's two-mile horse racing classic, when they go to the post to-morrow before a crowd expected to total 130,000 people.—Associated Press.

London, Nov. 6. The Labourite member, Tim Stokes demanded in the House of Commons that representations be made to Russia against the reported plan to export 4,500,000 German from the Russian zone in Germany to the British zone.—Associated Press.

No Trade Before 1950

Prague, Nov. 6. Dr. Stefan Jedrychowski, Minister of Foreign Trade declared to-day in a visit here, that Poland would "always" have an "important" and that at least five years would be required before she could regain her pre-war export volume.

He held out little hope that much trade could be carried on with the United States and England before 1950, saying that Poland needs everything she can produce during the reconstruction period.

He said that Poland hoped to get 1,000 automobiles, trucks, machines, rolling stock and large amounts of clothing from the American Army surpluses.

Poland's eventual exports will include meat to the United States. Poland's pre-war exports to the United States were \$50,000,000 and imports were \$180,000,000.—Associated Press.

WORLD'S LARGEST

New Delhi, Nov. 6. Hyderabad is to be the possessor of one of the largest irrigation projects, as well as the greatest canal system in the world.

The scheme will harness the River Tungabhadra at a point where it drains an area of 10,800 square miles. A large storage reservoir is being erected to preserve water, which will be used for irrigating one of the most arid tracts of the Deccan, which should then enjoy freedom from scarcity or famine.

The system will cover an area of 1,500,000 acres and it is proposed to irrigate nearly 750,000 acres annually.

Industrial development would be harnessed to the irrigation scheme by a hydro-electric power station.—Reuter.

HOOVER STRAFED

London, Nov. 6. The Moscow radio broadcast an attack upon "American isolationists" last night and accused them of being "originators of the idea of using economic and military might as a means of exerting pressure on other countries."

Former President Herbert Hoover and Senators Robert Taft and Burton K. Wheeler, Republican and Democrat, respectively, were singled out for special mention.—Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 6. The House of Representatives Military Committee has urged Congress to proceed quickly with the atomic energy control legislation and leave "international problems" for later settlement.

In a formal report the committee asserted that legislation which it approved last week is "entirely neutral on international issues with which so many people are now concerned."

The Committee previously proposed control commission on domestic development and research in atomic energy.—Associated Press.

RADIO

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1946. "THE DANCING YEARS"

230 HONGKONG Broadcasting on frequencies of 640 kilocycles and from 19.30 to 1.30 p.m., 6.30 to 1.30 p.m., and 9.00 to 10.30 p.m. on 9.12 megacycles.

H.K.T. 12.30 p.m.—"Fate" Waller in a Swing Programme.

1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—The New Mayfair Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Film Selections.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Compositions of Liszt.

7.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

7.30 p.m.—"Donald Fern"—"ENBA."

7.50 p.m.—"Shylock's" Dance Orchestra—"ENBA."

8.00 p.m.—"The Dancing Years"—Ayer Novello—"ENBA."

9.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

9.30 p.m.—"Services Music Hall"—"ENBA."

9.40 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.

10.00 p.m.—News from London.

10.00 p.m.—"Music with a Lull"—"ENBA."

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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